



COMPLETE SPELLING 5

Words with sk, sp, st

❖ **FOCUS** Say each word and read the meaning phrase. Listen for the **sk, sp,** or **st** in each word.

spider	a spider weaving its web
suggest	suggest a different idea
boast	boast about her win
brisk	a brisk north wind
spilled	spilled a glass of milk
skeleton	bones of a dinosaur skeleton
statue	a sculptor making a statue
wasp	stung by a wasp
stopped	stopped to take a rest
skinny	not too skinny and not too fat
task	an easy task for a weight-lifter
spinach	green, leafy spinach salad
arrest	will arrest them for burglary
stumble	stumble and fall down the stairs
crisp	crisp crackers and celery
adjust	adjust the bicycle seat higher
style	a new style of haircut
grasp	grasp the handles tightly
risk	no risk of danger or harm
skip	skip down the street

❖ **DISCOVER** Letter combinations like **sk, sp,** and **st** are called **blends**. To spell words with blends correctly, be sure to say them carefully. Pronounce **risk, wasp,** and **stopped**. What letters form the blend in each word?

❖ **WRITE**

- six words with **sk** in alphabetical order
- six words with **sp** in alphabetical order
- eight words with **st** in alphabetical order

 a paragraph using some list words

Extra Words

inspire	obstacle
respect	snakeskin
frostbite	

Here's a hint

Spinach is pronounced *spinitch*. Many children hate *it*, so remember to take *it* out and put **a** in to make *spin**a**ch*.

MEANING CLUES Write the list word that answers each question.

1. Which word names a figure carved out of stone? _____
2. What is another word for danger? _____
3. Which word names an insect that flies and stings? _____
4. Which word describes crunchy food? _____
5. What is another word for trip? _____
6. What is one way to hold an object? _____
7. Which word describes a sharp wind? _____
8. Which word names a creature that spins a web? _____
9. Which word names a framework of bones? _____
10. What is another word for brag? _____
11. Which word is a way to propose an idea? _____

HIDDEN WORDS Each word below is hidden in a list word. Write the list word.

12. stop, _____
13. just, _____
14. ask, _____
15. rest, _____
16. sty, _____
17. spin, _____
18. ill, _____



Using the problem parts strategy

Study the problem parts of words. Write four list words that are hard for you. Underline the part of each word that gives you the problem and study it carefully.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



Similes Sometimes, people use plain talk. At other times, people use word pictures such as similes. A **simile** compares two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*. Read the sentences below.

Plain Talk

That horse is thin.

Simile

That horse is as skinny as a snake.

Create your own similes for the sentences below. Don't forget to use *like* or *as*.

1. The sand is hot.

2. The hills have many trees.

Be an Expert You have read hundreds of similes, but you may not remember them. Skim stories and poems to find similes. Write at least five. Give stars to the three that create the best pictures in your mind.

Smelly as a ? Write these headings: **Big, Small, Strong, Beautiful, Smelly**. With a partner, write three things that belong under each heading. Together, create sentences with similes that use those words.

Story Time

spider, statue, skeleton

Do these words make you think of a museum visit, or a mystery? Write a short story that uses the words above. Create at least three similes to use in the story.



Write an Opinion Vote for something you think is terrific. It can be a vehicle, dance, sport, or any other item. Name it and explain your opinion. Try to use four list words.